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bureaus of identification which will serve as clearing houses for crime records. A brief outline of the work performed in the state bureau will illustrate its usefulness. The finger-prints of persons charged with a criminal offense anywhere in the state are sent to the state bureau, where they are filed without delay, and when identifications are made the previous record of the accused is sent to the office from which the record was received. Reports of crime where property has been obtained by theft, fraud, or violence and of all felonies are forwarded to the clearing house where they are indexed according to the locality and method of operation. A pawnshop record file is maintained in some of the state bureaus wherein are filed all of the articles reported stolen, or pawned, or sold in second-hand stores. Every article, excepting those which already have numbers such as watches and revolvers, is given a numerical value by the decimal system, and by using different colored cards to distinguish stolen property from pawned and sold property, a large amount of stolen property is recovered yearly.

At the last convention of the International Association of Chiefs of Police a committee was appointed to visit Washington and place before our national law makers plans for a National Intelligence Bureau.

The plan embodies all of the features of the state bureau, including finger-print, Bertillon, and Modus Operandi systems of identification, pawnshop and stolen property files, delinquents' history file, and English descriptive file.

Not only would a national intelligence bureau identify habitual offenders, locate stolen property and persons wanted for crime, but would, in addition thereto, furnish life histories of recidivists, invaluable to the prosecuting officer and psychopathic laboratory. Most important from the viewpoint of crime prevention is the influence such a bureau would exert in promoting uniform and better methods of police procedure, standardization of record forms, and a healthier spirit of co-operation between federal, state, county, and municipal public safety organizations.

AUGUST VOLLMER.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INSTITUTE OF CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY.

At the annual meeting of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, held at Cleveland on August 26, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

For President: The Honorable Hugo Pam, Judge of the Superior Court, Chicago, Illinois.

For Vice-Presidents: The Honorable William Renwick Riddell, Justice of the Supreme Court of Ontario, Toronto, Canada; Thomas C. O'Brien, Deputy Director of Prisons, Boston, Massachusetts; August Vollmer, Chief of Police, Berkeley, California.

For Treasurer: Bronson Winthrop, 32 Liberty Street, New York City.

For General Secretary: Edwin M. Abbott, Land Title Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

For Members of Executive Board (term expiring 1921): James Barbour, Illinois State Senator, Chicago, Illinois; James Bronson Reynolds, Former Assistant District Attorney, New York City; F. Emory Lyon, Superintendent Central Howard Association, Chicago, Illinois, and Prof. James H. Tufts, of the University of Chicago.

In the present number, we are publishing the address of the retiring President, Dr. George W. Kirchwey, the report of the Committee on the Teaching of Criminology in Colleges and Universities, the report of the Committee on Drugs and Crime, and that on Probation and Suspended Sentence. Further reports and account of the proceedings will appear in our next number.

On September 25, a meeting of the Executive Board was held at the University Club in Chicago, at which the financial condition of the Institute and the Journal came forward for discussion. A committee on Ways and Means was appointed, composed of the following named gentlemen: The Honorable Hugo Pam, President of the Institute; John B. Winslow of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin; Justice Orrin N. Carter of the Supreme Court of Illinois; Mr. James Bronson Reynolds, Former Assistant District Attorney of New York City; Senator James J. Barbour of the Illinois State Senate; Colonel John H. Wigmore, Dean of the Northwestern University Law School, and Judge Advocate U. S. Army; Mr. F. B. Crossley, Secretary of the Northwestern University Law School; Professor Robert H. Gault, Northwestern University. This committee was instructed to prepare a letter and whatever other devices may seem useful in a canvass for additional members in the Institute and subscribers to the Journal.

A resolution was introduced by Mr. F. B. Crossley, providing for the office of Executive Secretary of the Institute, and placing this office in the hands of the Managing Editor of the Journal of the Institute. The resolution carried unanimously, and was so ordered.

There was general discussion of the personnel of Institute committees. Final decision as to appointments was deferred for a few days. Announcement will be made later.

ROBERT H. GAULT.